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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Arthur G. Doak et al.
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For: Multi-Grade Object Sorting System And Method
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Customer No.: 23456

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-Final Office Action dated January 29, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 66-83 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications pursuing those claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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